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For: **NEW SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS
GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS THERAPEUTIC AND
DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS**

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August 29, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Notice to Comply dated August 2, 2001, the applicants respectfully submit that a Request was filed July 6, 2001, indicating the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed with the application is the same as the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in parent Application No. 08/362,455 and requesting that the Office use the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing from the parent Application No. 08/362,455. Moreover, the Request indicated that no new matter was added. A copy of the Request dated July 6, 2001, and the undersigned's postcard receipt indicating the same was received in the Patent Office on July 6, 2001, are attached. A copy of the Notice to Comply dated August 2, 2001, is attached.

The applicants confirm that the contents of Sequence Listing information recorded in computer-readable form in the parent Application No. 08/362,455 is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed with the application on July 6,

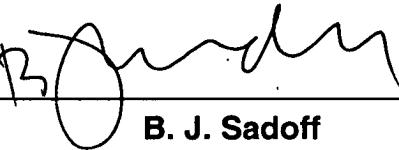
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2001. Moreover, the previously submitted Request (copy attached) is submitted to be in compliance with the request described in Rule 821(e). Nothing further is believed to be required at this time however the Office is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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